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TO: Secretary of State
NO: POLTO 2246, February 10, Noon

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Reference: POLTO 2242

Roberts advises United Kingdom can accept proposed statement on contingency planning, subject to deletion in last sentence phrase "which should be in the near future". Also Foreign Office does not want British to volunteer statement, although has no objection to our doing so. View shortness of time, intend take up with Germans as modified by British, with view to having agreed statement ready for tomorrow's NAC. If, as we consider likely, questions are raised regarding Secretary's press statement of yesterday, particularly "we are in general agreement as to procedures we shall follow if physical means are invoked to interfere with our rights in this respect", intend to explain that Secretary's statement dealt with principles the implementing details of which remain to be worked out. Without some such explanation, proposed statement appears inconsistent with, and somewhat superseded by, Secretary's statement.

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